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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the

application.

1. (Canceled)

2-3 (Canceled).

4 (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein at least a part of the mini-

sheet is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to a lateral direction of the interlabial

pad.

5. (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated

shape, comprising:

a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body:

a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a

wearer's garment;

an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;

a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial

pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

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a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the

cavity, having a width of at least a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is

in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein the mini-sheet is formed of a pair of flap portions extending from lateral

sides of the interlabial pad, across the back sheet, the mini-sheet having an affixing portion at an end

of each flap portion in order to affix the ends of the pair of flap portion to each other.

(Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein the mini-sheet has a length

dimension at least 10 % longer than that of the interlabial pad in the longitudinal direction of the

interlabial pad.

(Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein a total circumferential length

of the cavity opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.

10. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein the back sheet of the

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interlabial pad is provided with microscopic protrusions and depressions.

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11. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein an adhesive is applied to a

part of the surface sheet of the interlabial pad to be in contact with a genital area of the wearer's

body.

12. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising an upheaval area on the

surface sheet, the upheaval area protruding toward the wearer's body along the longitudinal

direction of the surface sheet.

13. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein the back sheet is made of

moisture permeable material.

14. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein the pad is formed with at

least one of biodegradable material, water-soluble material and water dispersible material.

15. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an

interlabial pad for incontinence.

16. (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad of claim 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an

interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

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17. (Previously Presented): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the

interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising:

setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary

napkin; and

bonding said wings to form said mini-sheet.

18. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing

portion comprises a notch at each end of a flap portion, the notch dividing each end into two

separate tips, the tips of each end of a flap portion are cross-connected with each other so as to form

the mini-sheet.

19. (Previously Presented) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing

portion comprises an adhesive applied to one end of one flap portion, wherein the other end of the

flap portion is overlapped on the adhesive so as to form the mini-sheet.